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The Editor McGill Daily.

Dear Sir: I have been reading with a great deal of interest certain articles in your paper referring to recent activities of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The steady progress of this great railway system is significant, and points to the phenomenal growth of our country when there is a demand for such gigantic railway enterprise. A short time ago I had occasion to visit a town on what was formerly the Wellington Grey and Bruce division of the G. T. R. I noted with great satisfaction a complete reorganization of the service in that division. Instead of what was formerly an abominable train made up of fifth rate coaches, there is now a train (with parlor car and diner) from Toronto to Palmerston with only three intermediate stops. The local service beyond Palmerston is greatly improved, and passengers can now travel with as much comfort as on a 'through express."

he rapid growth and expansion of Grand Trunk Railway Company made such improved conditions sible, and is reacting on the er companies which must of necess keep up with their rival to be a all successful in this age of keen competition.

Montreal, Jan. 13, 1912.

"DISINTERESTED."

ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. T. A. Woodruff '88 who now specializes in opthamology in Chicago, is editor of the Opthalmic Record published at 72 Madison Street.

Dr. R. W. Carral '93 has been practicing in Chicago for the past ten years.

Dr. Allan Rankin '04 was appointed official bacteriologist to the Government of Siam in 1909.

Dr. George S. Gordon '98 after post graduate studies in Baltimore and Germany, is now practicing in Vancouver, B.C.

Dr. "Phil" McLachlan '07 is Pathologist at the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg, which is one of the College Hospitals.

Dr. A. F. Edwards '94 is a general practitioner in Seattle with offices in the Alaska Building. His residence is on Summit Avenue., North. He left Dawson City in 1905 and has since been in Seattle.

The students of George Washington University recently gave a "Cherry Tree" ball, the proceeds of which will be used in the publ tion of the college annual.

FALSE AND HARMFUL CHARGES DISPROVED BY INVESTIGATION

Montreal Press Guilty of Slanderous Attack on McGill Students—Captain Baker not Fatally Injured by McGill Men

"Give my compliments to the students and say that I hold nothing against them."

This was the kindly message delivered by Captain Baker to a member of the Students' Council who called on him a few days ago. Further he said, "Regarding the report of my condition which appeared in the local papers a few days ago, I may say that such was entirely unauthorized by me. My present illness, I believe, to be due to a pre-existing condition which was aggravated by the strain, overwork and excitement of the incident on Sports' Day, and not at all due to internal injuries received at the hands of the students. I did suffer from an injury to my side but I afterwards learned that this resulted from being pushed with the crowd over a hydrant."

The genial officer then went on to describe the incident from beginning to end, remarked on the kindly attitude of the students towards him personally and named many with whom he was on terms of intimate friendship. Captain Baker is undoubtedly popular with the students, as a member of the Montreal Police Force. And so it was with considerable anxiety that we read the report stating that he was in a very critical condition, resulting from student abuse.

It is now clearly seen that such a report was pure fiction, written with the intent of providing interesting copy, there being no facts with which to back it up. In publishing such the city journals are guilty of a grave offence, a libel, placing both student and university in a most unfavorable and false light before the city which but recently so generously contributed to our welfare. It also tended to break up the increasing and mutual feeling of respect between the students and police of this city, acting in direct opposition to the interest of both university and City.

We trust that henceforward in matters relating to the students the city papers will report some of the facts and accord us justice.

McGILL WINS FROM QUEENS IN FAST BASKETBALL GAME

Local Five Demonstrate Clean Cut Superiority Over Kingstonians—Red and White Stock Goes Up

The first basketball match of the season was played in the McGill Gymnasium Saturday afternoon. The number of spectators was only fair, largely on account of the inadequate gymnasium facilities. The presence of Miss Hurlbatt, Miss Caetreglet and a number of the yodng ladies from the R. V. C. added dignity and importance to what audience there was however.

The match itself started rather late owing to the necessity of blowing up the new ball required, etc. At about half past three the referee's whistle blew and the game started with a rush, Baldwin at centre, securing the advantage of reach. Queen's however soon secured and kept McGill guessing far a few minutes, but no score was made on either side for the first five minutes. The rest of the first half was ragged, neither team having much of an advantage over the other. McGill seemed to be rather unfortunate in shooting, however. The half ended with the score 15 to 12 in McGill's favour.

The second half started off with all the advantage on McGill's side. The boys seemed to have found their places and Ting's signals brought out the right movements which usually retulted in a score being made. Sid Baldwin secured the ball nearly every time, passing alternately to Ting Calder who passed to Burrow or Kennedy, or directly to Kennedy. Some pretty combination work was the result and McGill soon doubled Queen's score.

Erskine was playing a strenuous defense game for Queen's, however, and little Nicols at forward, was playing a fine game, considering that he was up against little Duff and Ting Calder. Duffield playing the back defense game, caught nearly everything that came down the floor, and passed easily above Meek's reach. Towards the end of the game Queen's rallied again and almost put McGill to the defensive for a few minutes; but the fact that McGill could secure the ball at centre almost every time, combined with their big defense men, and good combination, made the game theirs without much doubt at any time after the first few minutes of play.

George Armstrong of the Victoria Rifles and John Forbes of the Central Y. M. C. A. handled the game in a perfectly satisfactory manner. Busbee of McGill and Laing of Queens kept the time, while de Brisay of McGill and Ernie Watts of Queen's kept the srore.

The final score was 35 to 24 in favor of McGill and the line-up was as follows:

McGill.		Queen's.
Geo. L. Kennedy and H. L. Burrow	Homes	Meek and Pound
S. G. Baldwin	Centre	Jemeth
C. D. Calder	Def?nse	Erskine
C. M. Duffield	"	Vansickle.

The play on the whole was creditable to both teams. McGill won out on superior team play and an impregnable defence. Keep this up and you will land the championship!

LATE SPECIAL TO THE DAILY.

Glace Bay, Jan. 14.—10 a.m.—Dr. R. H. McKeen of this town died this morning. He was the best physician and surgeon in the Maritime Provinces. The cause of his death was hardening of the arteries. His wife died two years ago. She was a sister of Mr. C. L. Cameron, Comptroller of Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

Note.—This is of interest to McGill because Mr. H. P. McKeen and Mr. K. W. Cameron are relatives of the deceased physician. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES

Due to the generosity of two prominent Dartmouth alumni, the Hon. Charles Quincy Tirrel '66, and the Hon. Samuel L. Powers '74, three gold medals will be offered at Dartmouth to the three students who during the academic year have made the greatest progress in physical development. In order to have such a contest conducted with due regard to college work no student will be eligible who has not attained an average of more than 65 per cent. in his studies.

All of the contestants will undergo a physical examination next week, and have their measurements recorded. They will then be allowed to train themselves as they see fit, and at the end of May, their measurements will be taken again. The competitors may consult with the physical director but he will not be allowed to train them.

One-half of the Yale students are going into business.

Smoking has been tabooed from the campus of Columbia.

Ira Davenport, star quartermiler, is captain of Chicago's track team.

Princeton is having considerable difficulty in securing heavyweight wrestlers.

Sixty per cent. of the Harvard undergraduates are undecided as to their future occupation.

Excluding athletics, Harvard gives first rank to the "papers" in undergraduate activities.

Letter received by the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. headquarters from one of the prominent artists of New York, who has just returned from a trip over the Grand Trunk Pacific as far as the Canadian Rockies, contains the following:

"I went out to the end of steel on the Grand Trunk Pacific, then took the trail over to Maligne Lake, which I found to be the most delightful lake I ever saw in my life. I had a delightful trip and made several sketches. Returning I stopped off at Wainwright, and from there went out duck shooting in different directions, and had a most delightful time. Next year I hope to be able to get away earlier and see more of your magnificent country."

The Y. M. C. A. of the University of Michigan and the Pastor's Union of Ann Arbor are engaged in a newspaper controversy.

Fourteen men have reported at rinceton for wrestling practice and he prospects for a successful season are bright.

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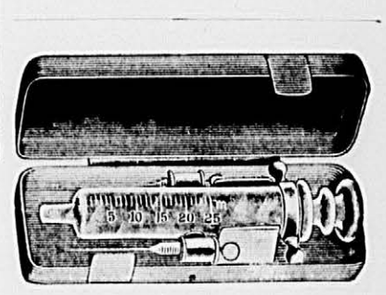

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CORRESPONDENT TO GAZETTE ATTACKS THE McGILL DAILY

UNFORTUNATE CHARGES ELICIT INDIGNANT REPLIES FROM GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

A Reader Who Sees Things As He Thinks They Should Not Be.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Sir:—While awaiting the leisure of one of the professors at McGill this morning, I asked the gentleman in attendance if he could give me anything to read. He politely assured me that he could and handed me the college paper, the McGill Daily, managed, I assume, by the students of the University. I eagerly accepted the gift, expecting to find some of the amateur work of the bright, young, active intellects of the university; something to indicate that the journal emanated from an intellectual centre, and to manifest in some form the spirit of a scholastic institution. What did I find? On the first page the best part of two columns of hockey, the rest being taken up with advertisements and a notice of a forthcoming meeting of a Physical Education Association; on the second page, more hockey, with advertisements, a notice of the Mock Parliament, and a puff for a vaudeville show; on the third page more hockey and the rest Mock Parliament and advertisements; on the fourth page, hockey, water polo, boxing and other amusements. This page is one of peculiar interest. It reports the condition of the several undergraduates injured and suffering from the effort to develop by the modern college methods the ideal of the sound mind in the sound body. One victim is able to leave the hospital, but it will be a month before he can walk around with freedom. Meanwhile he must use crutches. Another has had his leg fractured in a place where it is peculiarly difficult to knit. There is no report of any deaths and probably none have occurred here, although they are common enough results of the pursuit of athletics in many colleges. It is not a year since one occurred from football in Halifax.

Now I have nothing to say against college athletics, pursued with moderation and prudence. But when they are allowed to become the overshadowing interest of the university and occupy so undue a proportion of the attention of students; when they bulk so largely as they do in all our college papers and magazines; when they constitute, as one would have to infer from the McGill Daily, the main concern of college life; when they carry off a large contingent of students to a foreign city to furnish support for an assemblage largely composed of toughs and gamblers; when they cause, as they must do, the loss of a large amount of time and nervous force that are needed for the serious pursuit of university studies, is it not high time for our college authorities to pay more attention than they do to President Eliot's warnings and protests? I humbly admit that the undue pursuit of so-called athletics in our colleges, and particularly the intercollegiate athletic contests, that excite so unwholesome an interest, have lowered the tone of university life, and tended to bring down the average of scholastic achievement within the university walls

OLD FOGEY.

Editor McGill Daily

Dear Sir:—The above letter appeared in the issue of the Gazette of Saturday, the 13th. The signature appended to it describes the letter in the most adequate manner possible. "Old Fogey" embodies in his contribution the essence of "Fogeyism."

The McGill Daily, it appears to me, is primarily meant to be a newspaper, to chronicle the daily events as they occur in the college so that all the students of the various faculties, by means of the Daily, will be kept in touch with what is actually going on. In this the Daily has succeeded beyond the expectations of the most enthusiastic of its supporters and advocates.

It publishes only what the students are interested in, whether the news be athletic, theatrical or academic. By thus giving to its readers what they desire it has, young as it is, become an almost indispensible institution in the daily life of the McGill student.

Now that it has reached this stage by means of its editorial columns, it can do more good to elevate what is popularly known as college life, than innumerable learned lectures and articles, delivered or written by the most distinguished of men interested in the university and its activities.

Old Fogey complains that the paper is, as it were, saturated with news concerning athletics and the Mock Parliament and then proceeds to arraign athletics and severely leaves the question of the Mock Parliament alone.

Surely it deserves the greatest encouragement that the University Press can give it. The reason is obvious, by its means the men who will eventually number among the big men of Canada are being given lessons in practical politics and are being taught the science of government. Yet Old Fogey descries the Daily because it supports what is virtually the same as a course in practical politics.

In conclusion what would Old Fogey say if the Gazette publish'd nothing of the news of the world and devoted itself solely to the publication of learned treatises.

Yours sincerely,

"AN OLD McGILL MAN."

The Editor McGill Daily,

Dear Sir:—I was deeply grieved to see a letter in this morning's Gazette strongly criticizing your valuable paper. As one who is deeply interested in all student activities I may say that the undergraduates themselves are righteously indignant over this ill-advised attack on athletics in general and on the "Daily" in particular. Your organ caters to a popular demand, and has at the same time stood for all these ideals which are the embodiment of clean and popularly conducted sport, and the realization of a "Greater McGill." It is primarily a newspaper, and neither students nor professoriate expect it to be a literary or scientific journal as the fulfillment of such a dual function is obviously impossible. There is, however, a certain tone of interested concern about "Old Fogey's" letter which emphasizes McGill's need for a purely academic publication such as exists at Toronto. There they have not only the newspaper but two more sober and dignified publications, namely "The Arbor," a quarterly, and "The University Monthly." The latter is issued in connection with "Varsity" and is given to its subscribers as a bonus. It seems incredible that with all the literary talent at McGill such a publication is not already being issued.

Thanking you for any consideration you may give to my opinions, and hoping that you will see fit to correct the erroneous statements of your critic

AN UNDERGRADUATE

FRITZI SCHEFF IN NIGHT BIRDS

The announcement that for the week commencing Monday, January 22nd, at the Princess the Messrs. Shubert will present Fritzi Scheff in a magnificent production of the famous comic opera "Night Birds," (Die Fledermaus), by the greatest writer of Viennese operatic music the world has ever known, Johann Strauss, presages an unusual opportunity to see and hear this queen of light opera at her best.

"Night Birds" has been performed in all the capital cities of Europe and is now running at the Lyric Theatre, London. Strauss is known to fame as "the waltz king," composer of "The Beautiful Blue Danube" and

FRITZI SCHEFF IN "NIGHT BIRDS" AT THE PRINCESS WEEK OF JANUARY 22.

other celebrated waltzes. It is said of Strauss that he sent the whole world dancing—and of the score of "Night Birds" which is full of charming waltzes, czardas, polkas, romanzas and drinking songs, that it is representative of the piquancy, coquetry and vigor of which he is an acknowledged master.

The picturesque scenes of this gay adventure are laid in Germany in the last century. The first act takes place in the house of Baron von Eisenstein; the second act shows the ballroom at the Villa Orlofsky, and the final act is consummated in the office of a prison.

The costumes are oddly attractive and the supporting company, which includes George Anderson, John E. Hazzard, Frank Rushworth, Frank Farrington, Milbury Ryder, Morgan Williams, Jean Laurence, Hazel Cox, Edith Bradford and Josephine Brandell, is commensurate with Madame Scheff's prestige.

Madame Scheff has the tantalizing role of Adele, a pretty and coquettish maid in the home of Baron von Eisenstein. Her flirtatious scenes with the Baron who is in love with her, despite the presence of his wife, the many piquantly humorous situations of the second act ballroom scene where Adele while impersonating her mistress, entangles herself in a compromising flirtation and the refreshing surprises of the last act which revolve about Adele, give Madame Scheff every opportunity to display her wonderful vocal accomplishments, her gift of comedy and those personal graces which are hers alone.

The Oberlin Review recently conducted a straw ballot, which resulted in a complete victory for Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency. La Follette was second and Taft third.

GERTRUDE HOFFMAN

Gertrude Hoffmann, who is known the length and breadth of America for her dancing and impersonations, for which she was paid a salary almost fabulous, has recently gained added fame for herself as a manageress and producer.

With the assistance of Morris Gest and F. Ray Comstock, astute managers, Miss Hoffmann accomplished the feat of being the first to present to the English-speaking world the wonderful Russian dancers and mimes from the Imperial Theatres of Moscow and St. Petersburg. Three years ago, Miss Hoffmann saw the Russian Ballet at the Chatelet Theatre, Paris, and since that time the one presiding, dominant thought in this ambitious young woman's mind has been to bring these wonderful people to her native land. Miss Hoffmann was the happiest woman in America when New York took the dancers from the shores of the Volga to its heart, the organization playing to audiences all summer at the vast and beautiful Winter Garden, which taxed the capacity of the huge structure. This accomplishment has placed Miss Hoffmann in a class by herself, as the foremost woman theatrical manager in America, if not in the entire world.

All the more honor accrues to Miss Hoffmann because her wonderful success is due to her own individual hard work. Not so very many years ago, Gertrude Hoffmann was a minor member of the company at Fred Belasco's Alcazar Theatre, San Francisco. Then she went into musical comedy, playing soubrette roles. Then she became famed as one of the most wonderful mimics and impersonators on the American stage and her salary was one of the largest ever paid to an artist in this country. Now she has burst upon the world as the foremost woman employer of labor in the theatrical business and probably the most talked of woman in the theatrical profession.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARTS SENIORS NOTE.

Members of Arts '12 are requested to hand to the Secretary not later than Wednesdgy 17th inst. nominations for the class valedictorian. A meeting will be held at 12 o'clock on Friday the 19th, to choose from those nominated.

WILLIAM LINDSAY,
Secretary Arts '12.

THE FARMER'S SON'S OPPORTUNITY.

One reason why so many boys leave the farm for the city is because of the failure of the father to take the boy into his confidence and make clear to him that he is not merely a "hewer of wood and carrier of water," but that he is in full partnership with him and has a personal interest in the success of the work. Those of us who were raised on a farm know, of course, that it would be practically impossible for the father to always demonstrate this to his son by cash consideration; but if the seeds of dissatisfaction are not to be planted, some greater consideration for the son's services will have to be made than that of merely boarding and clothing. If, say, the son knew that he would receive even the small share of the proceeds from the sale of a pig, or a lamb, or a calf, and occasionally of a cow or a horse, to do with as he might like, to save or to spend, we believe, speaking from experience, that the arrangement would be mutually advantageous. The son does not like to feel under the obligation of going to his father every time he wants a few cents for some expenditure; and, besides, he should be in a position to lay up something for the "Rainy Day." The needs of a quarter of a century ago do not accord with the needs of the present day; nor did the boys of that time have the same facilities for investment as the boys now have. To-day we have practically at our door strong financial institutions which accept small amounts on deposit; and we also have the Canadian Government's great Annuities system, in regard to which a word of explanation may not be out of place. It was approved by members of both Houses of Parliament, has at the back of it the security of the whole of the Dominion of Canada, and there could be no better or safer plan of investment as a means of making provision for old age. The payments may be spread over as many years as may be desired. The Government attends to all the details free of charge. For example, a payment of $13—the price of one hog—made for a boy of 10 and continued until he is 60, will give him an annuity of $215.20 for life. If the payments are continued until 65, he will receive $335.73, or over $120 a year more than he would receive at 60. The same annuity could be purchased for a boy of an older age at a little advance in this cost. If, therefore, a farmer's boy knew that at the time when he shall be no longer able to work he would have ample provision for the remainder of his days, and that if he died before drawing the first payment of Annuity all that he had paid in with 3 p.c. compound interest would be returned to his heirs, what a difference this would make in his outlook; how much more contented he would be to remain on the farm—for there is no occupation more honorable—and how much more independent he would be in his old age. This is worth the serious consideration of every farmer who has boys, and of every farmer's son who is old enough to reason for himself. The Government's system is, of course, available not only to fatmer's sons and daughters, but to the sons and daughters of every other man who makes Canada his home, no matter what his nationality or creed may be. Literature explaining this provident system may be obtained at the Post Office, or on application to the Superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa, to whom your letters go free of postage.

THE STUDENT AND THE COP

(I.)

It was a blue and burly cop
Strathcona curb did walk;
It was a youth from Old McGill
Who gave him lively talk;
And then they waxed both loud and warm,
Their voices louder than a storm.
Upon Mount Royal's rock.

(II.)

"I am a man no students dare
Defy by day or night;
Their pranks I often have cut short,
And made them do the right."
Thus spoke the Cop with lofty pride
His baton swinging by his side
And eager for a fight.

(III.)

"With such men as Recorders
To go before in Court,
I always have the students fined.
They are my only forte;
It matters not if right or wrong,
Upon the Stand I sing my song—,
E'en though of false report."

(IV.)

"O, get thee hence," the student cried.
"Your gall is hard to bear;
To-night I'll paint the city red,
For you I little care;
'Tis well enough for men like you
To raid Laval with twenty-two,
But here we heed no score."

(V.)

The Cop's face flamed, and thus ashamed
Upon the Student rushed;
In reaching out his lusty paw
The derby hat he mushed;
But the Student proved too smart for him,
Smiled a tantalizing "Sunny-Jim,"
Despite his beaver crushed.

(VI.)

Right on the jaw, one mighty swat
The Student landed hard;
The Cop fell like a stick of wood
Upon the boulevard;
The claret from the upturned face
Made a Culloden of the place,
For it covered many a yard.

(VII.)

"I laid him out in red and white,
The colors of old McGill;
I showed him what a boy could do—
And that was better still.
And now I'll hike me to my den,
That Cop I always want again,
When eager for a mill."

(VIII.)

It was a sadder, wiser Cop
Some days ago I met;
His head hung low upon his chest,
His looks I ne'er forget;
With drooping eyes upon the street,
No cheery word his pals to greet—
Methinks I see him yet.

THE CONSERVATIVE SPEAKERS

(Continued from page 3.)

ness and genuine conviction which from beginning to end were the outstanding features of the Government speeches. "Thank God!" said on? observer, "we shall now enjoy the privilege of hearing the planks of a real progressive policy aimed to further the interests of the Dominion, not to maintain the 'interests of a party or individual.'"

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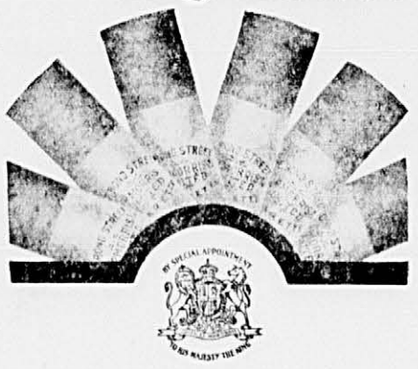

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"Give my compliments to the students and say that I hold nothing against them."

This was the kindly message delivered by Captain Baker to a member of the Students' Council who called on him a few days ago. Further he said, "Regarding the report of my condition which appeared in the local papers a few days ago, I may say that such was entirely unauthorized by me. My present illness, I believe, to be due to a pre-existing condition which was aggravated by the strain, overwork and excitement of the incident on Sports' Day, and not at all due to internal injuries received at the hands of the students. I did suffer from an injury to my side but I afterwards learned that this resulted from being pushed with the crowd over a hydrant."

The genial officer then went on to describe the incident from beginning to end, remarked on the kindly attitude of the students towards him personally and named many with whom he was on terms of intimate friendship. Captain Baker is undoubtedly popular with the students, as a member of the Montreal Police Force. And so it was with considerable anxiety that we read the report stating that he was in a very critical condition, resulting from student abuse.

It is now clearly seen that such a report was pure fiction, written with the intent of providing interesting copy, there being no facts with which to back it up. In publishing such the city journals are guilty of a grave offence, a libel, placing both student and university in a most unfavorable and false light before the city which but recently so generously contributed to our welfare. It also tended to break up the increasing and mutual feeling of respect between the students and police of this city, acting in direct opposition to the interest of both university and City.

We trust that henceforward in matters relating to the students the city papers will report some of the facts and accord us justice.

McGILL WINS FROM QUEENS IN FAST BASKETBALL GAME

Local Five Demonstrate Clean Cut Superiority Over Kingstonians—Red and White Stock Goes Up

The first basketball match of the season was played in the McGill Gymnasium Saturday afternoon. The number of spectators was only fair, largely on account of the inadequate gymnasium facilities. The presence of Miss Hurlbatt, Miss Caetreglet and a number of the young ladies from the R. V. C. added dignity and importance to what audience there was however.

The match itself started rather late owing to the necessity of blowing up the new ball required, etc. At about half past three the referee's whistle blew and the game started with a rush, Baldwin at centre, securing the advantage of reach. Queen's however soon secured and kept McGill guessing far a few minutes, but no score was made on either side for the first five minutes. The rest of the first half was ragged, neither team having much of an advantage over the other. McGill seemed to be rather unfortunate in shooting, however. The half ended with the score 15 to 12 in McGill's favour.

The second half started off with all the advantage on McGill's side. The boys seemed to have found their places and Ting's signals brought out the right movements which usually retulted in a score being made. Sid Baldwin secured the ball nearly every time, passing alternately to Ting Calder who passed to Burrow or Mennedy, or directly to Kennedy. Some pretty combination work was the result and McGill soon doubled Queen's score.

Erskine was playing a strenuous defense game for Queen's, however, and little Nicols at forward, was playing a fine game, considering that he was up against little Duff and Ting Calder. Duffield playing the back defense game, caught nearly everything that came down the floor, and passed easily above Meek's reach. Towards the end of the game Queen's rallied again and almost put McGill to the defensive for a few minutes; but the fact that McGill could secure the ball at centre almost every time, combined with their big defense men, and good combination, made the game theirs without much doubt at any time after the first few minutes of play.

George Armstrong of the Victoria Rifles and John Forbes of the Central Y. M. C. A. handled the game in a perfectly satisfactory manner. Busbee of McGill and Laing of Queens kept the time, while de Brisay of McGill and Ernie Watts of Queen's kept the srore.

The final score was 35 to 24 in favor of McGill and the line-up was as follows:

McGill.		Queen's.
Geo. L. Kennedy and H. L. Burrow	Homes	Meek and Pound
S. G. Baldwin	Centre	Jemeth
C. D. Calder	Def?nse	Erskine
C. M. Duffield	"	Vansickle.

The play on the whole was creditable to both teams. McGill won out on superior team play and an impregnable defence. Keep this up and you will land the championship!

LATE SPECIAL TO THE DAILY.

Glace Bay, Jan. 14.—10 a.m.—Dr. R. H. McKeen of this town died this morning. He was the best physician and surgeon in the Maritime Provinces. The cause of his death was hardening of the arteries. His wife died two years ago. She was a sister of Mr. C. L. Cameron, Comptroller of Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

Note.—This is of interest to McGill because Mr. H. P. McKeen and Mr. K. W. Cameron are relatives of the deceased physician. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES

Due to the generosity of two prominent Dartmouth alumni, the Hon. Charles Quincy Tirrel '66, and the Hon. Samuel L. Powers '74, three gold medals will be offered at Dartmouth to the three students who during the academic year have made the greatest progress in physical development. In order to have such a contest conducted with due regard to college work no student will be eligible who has not attained an average of more than 65 per cent. in his studies.

All of the contestants will undergo a physical examination next week, and have their measurements recorded. They will then be allowed to train themselves as they see fit, and at the end of May, their measurements will be taken again. The competitors may consult with the physical director but he will not be allowed to train them.

One-half of the Yale students are going into business.

Smoking has been tabooed from the campus of Columbia.

Ira Davenport, star quartermiler, is captain of Chicago's track team.

Princeton is having considerable difficulty in securing heavyweight wrestlers.

Sixty per cent. of the Harvard undergraduates are undecided as to their future occupation.

Excluding athletics, Harvard gives first rank to the "papers" in undergraduate activities.

Letter received by the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. headquarters from one of the prominent artists of New York, who has just returned from a trip over the Grand Trunk Pacific as far as the Canadian Rockies, contains the following:

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The Y. M. C. A. of the University of Michigan and the Pastor's Union of Ann Arbor are engaged in a newspaper controversy.

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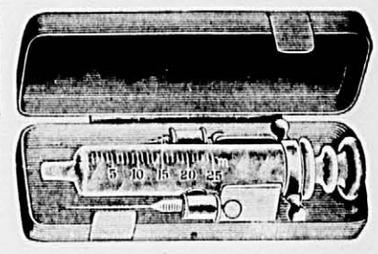

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The Editor McGill Daily.

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The rapid growth and expansion of the Grand Trunk Railway Company has made such improved conditions possible, and is reacting on the other companies which must of necessity keep up with their rival to be at all successful in this age of keen competition.

Montreal, Jan. 13, 1912.

"DISINTERESTED."

ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. T. A. Woodruff '88 who now specializes in opthamology in Chicago, is editor of the Opthalmic Record published at 72 Madison Street.

Dr. R. W. Carral '93 has been practicing in Chicago for the past ten years.

Dr. Allan Rankin '04 was appointed official bacteriologist to the Government of Siam in 1909.

Dr. George S. Gordon '98 after post graduate studies in Baltimore and Germany, is now practicing in Vancouver, B.C.

Dr. "Phil" McLachlan '07 is Pathologist at the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg, which is one of the College Hospitals.

Dr. A. F. Edwards '94 is a general practitioner in Seattle with offices in the Alaska Building. His residence is on Summit Avenue., North. He left Dawson City in 1905 and has since been in Seattle.

The students of George Washington University recently gave a "Cherry Tree" ball, the proceeds of which will be used in the publication of the college annual.

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THE ROOT OF JOURNALISM

EDITOR OF THE BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE IN THE YALE NEWS

The subject of newspaper making or journalism is one about which newspaper men in it do not often write. If they are making a newspaper they feel too busy to discuss or exploit journalism. If they are resting they would prefer to express themselves on subjects other than that of their calling. They would rather dismiss that from their minds, while recuperating their strength.

There aee, however, lectures on journalism which experts are called on to deliver. There are defenees of journalism to be regarded when a paper or an editor is sued for libel. There are rejoinders to attacks on a paper when politicians make them. This, and the reasons for this are obvious. But ordinarily newspaper men are more fond of newspaper work than of disquisitions on it. Generally talks about newspapers are delivered by those who have been more addicted to talking about than making them. The same generalization is also true of the medical and of the legal professions and for all I know of the dentrificial and pharmaceutical.

I am aware that Yale, under a bequest, has a lectureship on newspaper making, that Correll had one and that some schools of civics in Philadelphia have them on newspaper making by newspaper makers. I have addressed classes in these institutions myself, and also in the University of Missouri which now has a college of journalism. But I am free to confess that I accepted these invitations in my callower days and since I became older I have learned better.

Nevertheless, to oblige the Yale News, I, a friend of Yale for many years, will take occasion, after the foregoing truisms, to say that the more a man generally knows the greater will be his usefulness to journalism or to any other calling he pursues. The more he specifically knows about what he proposes to pursue the better will he be able effectively to pursue it—or to realize that he is not fitted for it. As to newspaper work this is little more true than as to almost any other. Several professions may be regarded as interchangeable. Journalism is a thing apart and when it is not those who seek to pursue it, as a step to on towards something else, do not let the root of journalism penetrate the soil of their minds. They are not always to blame, for what is not in them will not or cannot come out of them, and can with difficulty be put in them to stay there. I am far from saying, however, that journalism cannot be taught in a university. It can be and in cases it is. Swift perusal and quick restatement of reading matter can be taught. Estimate of the important or the trivial in events can be trained. Errors of such estimate can be pointed out by those who know more about them than students can be presumed to know. The overt or the suggestive form of statement can be cultivated. The realization of striking forms of xpression as distinguishable from he dull can be encouraged. The plain duty of seeing occurrences in their wholes instead of merely in their parts can be both inculcated and illustrated. In a college class-room this can be done. In a newspaper office this must be done. A college is a better place for preparatory fittedness for journalism than a newspaper office is for collegiate instruction, and a cultivated professor is a better monitor and a more considerate inciter than an editor or a news manager when either one of them is more intent on going to press quickly than on being courteous, or patient, or considerate of the sensibilities of others. A doctor cutting for stone, or a dentist intent on extracting or filling a tooth, or a general ordering a charge, or an editor going to press, concentrates decades of experience within an instant of action, and apprentices, or students, or amateurs should make allowances for masters or experts.

"I am only throwing out hints. I hope I have thrown out enough. The question of editorial comment is too large for a consideration already too long. Such comment must be sincere to be effective. It must be disinterested and patriotic. It must be earnest to arouse earnestness. It must appeal to the cultivated as well as to the moral sense of the masses who, at bottom, are both honest and just, and the language level to the first will be level to the second, if the simplicity which is the last and best result of culture is observed and obeyed. Aside from these fundamental requirements the minor ones take care of themselves or suggest themselves."

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Narrowminded and Uninformed Criticism

The "Gazette" of Saturday, 13th, features a letter which merits official reply from the McGill Daily inasmuch as it is calculated to create a wrong impression among the many readers of Montreal's morning paper. Whoever the correspondent in question may be, we venture to say that he has committed a grave mistake. Before launching forth into any such generalizations as are contained in his epistle it might be advisable for "Old Fogey" to pay some little attention to FACTS and ACTUAL CONDITIONS. The letter (a reprint of which appears in another column) might seem plausible enough to those who are as ignorant of University undergraduate affairs as the correspondent.

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In the first place then, what is the recognized function of the McGill Daily? Is it to appear each day with a number of articles of literary or scientific interest? Is it to report in full the lectures of the various professors for the edification of casual visitors to the University? No! Emphatically no! We are here as the OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE NEWSPAPER, to chronicle from day to day the news of various undergraduate activities. This is our main function and any other would be absurd and useless. Granted then that as a newspaper we are here to chronicle events and happenings of the undergraduate body—to what do these events and happenings pertain? Principally and in fact almost entirely to athletics. Is it not natural that after spending eight or nine hours of the day listening to "literary or scientific" subjects expounded by professors and lecturers, undergraduates should not only be anxious to participate in various athletics but also to keep in close touch with news of the various branches of athletics? As an undergraduate newspaper, it is our main purpose to fulfill this function. Even so our columns are not monopolized by athletic articles. If Old Fogey had only taken the trouble to look into the matter more carefully he would have found that all undergraduate organizations, literary, scientific and every other kind, receive prominence whenever occasion arises. He would have found, moreover, that from time to time, we do publish articles of so called literary or scientific interest. It is aimed, however, to place very little stress on this type of copy for the simple reason that it does not come within our legitimate province to a sufficient extent to claim regular space allotments. In common with the other nineteen college dailies issued by the universities of this continent we fulfill our legitimate and proper function. Such criticism as Old Fogey has levelled at us is as narrowminded as it is false. If he wants literacy and scientific articles let him read the University magazine or some college publication which does not presume to be a newspaper. We feel that an apology is due from the writer of the letter which appeared in Saturday's "Gazette."

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Old Fogey's inferred attack on college athletics and his absurd characterization of inter-university competition do not require any elaborate reply. If he had even the most elementary conception of the general status of athletics on this continent and particularly in Canada he would know that intercollegiate sport is the cleanest and by far most amateur branch of athletics in existence. If he had ever taken part in college athletics he would know that as a factor in the formation of character and the up-building of a strong and self-dependent manhood college athletics are of vital importance to the most efficient modern educational systems.

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CANNIBAL ISLAND.

Bound hand and foot in the bottom of the canoe Alan was able to realize the hopelessness of the situation. He did not doubt that his captors were cannibals, in fact, the appraising glances which were cast upon him by the nearest savage warned him that he could only expect to be served up as the piece de resistance at the barbarous orgie.

In spite of his predicament, however, he found himself humming the song he used to sing during his college days in Montreal and finally he started to sing it aloud; it ran as follows:

"THE CANNIBAL CLAN."

We are a terrible cannibal clan
We work things on a simple plan;
We catch our enemies if we can
And serve them up for dinner.
Take it from us it's lots of fun
To catch some plump old sun of a gun
And boil him 'till he's nicely done;
Then eat the fat old sinner.

So it's rah! for a missionary stew
And a foaming glass of cocoanut brew
Sailor au bur is popular too
Down in the cannibal islands.

We're very partial to a roast
But perhaps our menu's proudest boast
Is fried explorers' toes on toast;
You bet it is a winner.
And the only meal we really fear
Is tough Canadian engineer;
We have no use away down here
For any science dinner.

The vocal entertainment did not, however, prove popular and he was promptly gagged, so that, outside of the splash of the paddles, silence reigned on the limpid blue waters of the South Pacific.

When they arrived at the Island his gag was removed and he was put into one of the huts while two savages stood guard outside the door. His hands were freed at meal times and for three intermediate days he lay on the floor looking at the roof of the hut.

On the morning of the fourth day he was led before the chief and listened to a harangue from that worthy individual. At a sign from the chief one of the savages stepped forward and interpreted the speech. It appeared that the Chief was commanding the prisoner if he valued his life to make a potato soup and a parsley omelette. Alan fell upon the ground lifeless; joy they say can kill and the shock proved too much for him. The savages were vegetarians.

Ed. Note—We regret to say that the shock of writing these things has proved too much for the author and he too has passed away.

THE CONSERVATIVE CABINET HEAVILY SCORED BY LIBERALS

An Aggregation of Turn-Coats and Self-Seekers Doomed to Inevitable and Sudden Downfall

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE McGILL MOCK PARLIAMENT FROM THE LIBERAL STANDPOINT.

From a perfectly fair and unbiased standpoint, the first meeting of the Mock Parliament can be regarded in no other light than as a Liberal triumph. From start to finish the Opposition scored all along the line. In the first place the Speech from the Throne was a fiasco. Never in history has a feebler policy been put forward with such confident effrontery by a Canadian Ministry. The Naval Question, on which this whole campaign hinges, was side-stepped with a brazen coolness which compels admiration.

An Imperial Council was suggested in a vague, shadowy and uncertain way, which is typical, not only of the Conservative policy, but of the brains (if such there be) from which it emanated. For the rest, the speech stated, that the Government is going to make the country very prosperous and very happy, by what methods we were not told, except from one point which stood out sufficiently clear, namely, that our poor, weak manufacturers are going to be jolly well protected, and given ample opportunity to dive their greedy hands into the pockets of the long suffering consumer. The one strong plank in the Conservative platform, freer trade within the empire, was pirated verbatim from the Liberal policy as heretofore published.

It is indeed a scandal and a shame that a Prince of the Blood Royal should have had to read such an absurd address. His Royal Highness must have felt his position keenly in being forced by the rules of convention to recite the ridiculous rigamarole which his ministers saw fit to submit to him. Sir, you have the heartfelt sympathy of all Liberals. You shall receive no such treatment at our hands, when in the near future we once again take up the reins of power for fifteen more years of prosperity.

The acceptance of the speech from the throne was moved by Mr. Commissioner Walsh. Any expectations that Mr. Walsh would elucidate or rather lack of policy, were promptly crushed; for Mr. Walsh's speech consisted of a long-winded and vindictive attack on the late Liberal Government for alleged, but absolutely unproven, maladministration. Mr. Walsh's speech contained no leaven of genial humor which might have served to relieve the bitter taste it left in the mouth. His speech may be well described as one long-drawn-out clot of mud, which Mr. Walsh hurled at the Liberal party. It is perhaps needless to add that Mr. Walsh has a glass arm, and that his shot went wild.

Mr. McConnell, the seconder, followed. Here again a saving sense of humor might have secured the Conservative speaker from several tactical blunders. He spent a large part of his time in a badly-needed defence of the tariff commission, and described that institution with refreshing candor as "a commission which will give jobs to many hundreds of men." As the tariff commission has already given jobs to a fair number of commissioners, we have no difficulty in believing that many hundred more will follow.

In fact the only humor furnished by the Conservative side was the gentke rebuke administered by the Minister of Militia (Mr. Clawson) to several of his fellow members for smoking. This was certainly very funny.

But what a delightful contrast to these long-winded spiels was afforded by the Liberal speakers, Messrs. Mathewson and Hugh Griffith. Their speeches were very properly described by a Socialist member as the speeches of the evening. The Liberal speakers confined themselves to an attack upon the conglomeration of diverse elements with which Premier MacNaughton has surrounded himself, a field which offers wide scope for caustic humor and the possibilities of which Messrs. Mathewson and Griffith took advantage of to the fullest extent. Mr. Mathewson's genial method of telling the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Farthing) that he is an old reprobate without coming under the ban of the speaker; his calling forth Conservative cheers by praising the Premier, and then freezing the grins on their faces by remarking what a refreshing contrast he is to the rest of the party, and his witty attack on the Nationalists (in both English and French) could only be paralleled by Mr. Griffith's excruciatingly funny similes about the Alliance, and his pointed references to the rather shady careers of the various members of the Cabinet. Not only the Liberal benches but the audience were kept in a continued roar of laughter and applause at the clever quips of the Opposition speakers, while the gloomy and sour faces of the Cabinet, their frequent indignant protests very properly squelched by the peaker) and the ill-suppressed snickers of their own back-benchers, afforded sufficient evidence that their opponents' points were driven home.

Gentlemen, if you wish to spend an evening each week in hearty laughter at the discomfiture of your opponents, join the Liberal party: if on the other hand you wish to spend an evening of deep and besetting gloom, with despair at heart, and a wretched imitation of cheerfulness on your face, why do the other thing. We leave it in your hands in the full confidence that the first meeting of the Mock Parliament augures well for our "Grand Old Party."

Latest reports received from Prince Rupert, the Pacific Coast Terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, indicate that shipping from that point is ever on the increase.

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FIRST SESSION OF McGILL PARLIAMENT FROM CONSERVATIVE POINT OF VIEW.

Mock Parliamaet opened its season Saturday night. At an early hour the crowd commenced to assemble in anticipation of an interesting session. At 8.15 a troop of Boy Scouts marched into the Union and lined up to escort the Governor-General. The famous Gregor Barclay of old-time "council" reputation was requisitioned to impersonate the Governor. He arrived in due time attired in all the regalia of his high office. The various parties entered the hall and seated themselves in their respective sections. A blare of bugles and the regular beat of the drums announced the Governor's approach. The House arose and the Governor took his seat. His Royal Highness then asked whether or not the House had elected a Speaker. On learning that as yet no choire had been made, the Governor withdrew. On the motion of Hon., the Winister of Marine, Mr. Newcombe (W. Ottawa) was nominated for the Speakership. The Hon., the leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and the nomination was sustained, notwithstanding some irrelevant objections from the ranks of the Socialists. The Speaker-elect took his seat amidst prolonged applause and in a few well-chosen words thanked the House for the honour extended to him. The Speaker then left the chair in order to permit the Governor-General to perform his traditional function of reading the speech from the Throne. The Governor entered in full state and was received with many rounds of applause. He read the Speech clearly and without hesitation. It was as follows:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:—It is with a feeling of the most intense satisfaction that I meet for the first time the Parliament of Canada, and avail myself of your invaluable advice and assistance in the fulfillment of the high charge which has been entrusted to me by His Majesty, the King.

"I can most positively assure you that I esteem it the highest honour and privilege possible to be called upon to administer the affairs of this, the most important section of the British Empire. It affords me great pleasuse to congratulate you upon the prospect that the volume of trade during the coming year both with British and foreign countries promises to be greatly in excess of that ever heretofore attained.

"The manifold benefits that would accrue from a wider exchange of products between the various countries of the Empire are undoubted, and negotiations have been apened for improved trade relations which should prove equally advantageous to those colonies, and the Motherland as well as to this Dominion.

"In a country possessing so large an area of extremely fertile land as that with which Canada is happily endowed, it is essential to recognize that as yet the great basic industry is agriculture. My advisers are convinced that the time has come when greater aid and encouragement should be given to those who are engaged in the cultivation of the soil.

"With this object in view, a measure will be introduced by means of which it is hoped that there may be co-operation between the federal and provincial governments for the purpose of assisting and encouraging our farmers to secure the best results in production and simultaneously preserve the fertility of the soil in the highest farm.

"While fully realizing that at the present time the agricultural wealth of this Dominion constitutes one of our greatest assets, it is also necessary to bear in mind that this country has immense possibilities for the manufacturer. Firmly convinced of this important fact, and with an earnest desire to build up Canadian industries, a measure will be introduced to establish a permanent tariff commission, whose duty it shall be to ascertain by investigation and enquiry such information as will furnish a more satisfactory basis for tariff legislation that will unquestionably result in this country achieving wonderful development from an industrial and manufacturing standpoint.

"Moreover, the results of the recent census, which will be laid before you, have proved highly unsatisfactory; and did not fulfill even the least sanguine expectations. For this and other reasons it becomes manifest that in order to increase the population of this country and to render it more prosperous, a proper degree of protection must be afforded Canadian industries in order that they may not be placed in jeopardy by foreign competitors.

"Negotiations have also been entered into with Great Britain and the colonies of the Empire regarding the establishment of an Imperial Council or Parliament consisting of colonial and British representatives, whose duty it shall be to legislate exclusively concerning Imperial affairs. A naval bill extremely comprehensive in scope and detail will be introduced early in the sestion. Bills will also be laid before you with respect to the Department of Immigration, Militia and other subjects; while commissions will be appointed to investigate the waterways scheme, the construction of the Transcontinental railway, the civil service and other matters affecting the administration of the late government.

"The selection of the best route for the Hudson Bay railway is engaging the serious attention of my advisers, and an announcement will be made in due course as to the result of their investigation. The accounts of the last year will be laid before you. The balance of the estimates for the current fiscal year, as well as the estimates for the coming year, will be submitted for your approval without delay."

"GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:—I commend the subjects which I have mentioned to your best consideration; and I trust that your deliberations, under the blessing of Divine Providence, may tend to the true welfare and good government of this Dominion."

On reading the speech His Royal Highness withdrew fram the Hall and the session's discussions commenced. The first matter to be settled was the appointment of a Sergeant at Arms. The question was raised by the Opposition. The Government replied that last year's appointment still remained valid until changed by motion of the House. As no objection was raised the original appointment stood. The Hon., the leader of the Socialists took great objection to the fact that the mace had not as yet been placed upon the table, stating that this was a serious violation of recognized constitutional usages. The Socialist position in this case was peculiarly inconsistent when it is considered that the party had not seen fit to pay common tribute of courtesy to His Royal Highness by rising on his entering and leaving the Hall.

The Speaker called the House to order and the mover of the motion in reply to the speech (Hon. W. A. Walsh) proceeded to arraign the policy of the late government and to contrast with it the innovations which the present administration purposes to introduce for the approval of the House. Monumental instances of gross mis-government and misappropriation were so convincingly handled that the opposition camp was visibly discomfited. It was clearly shown that the Liberal Government had ruthlessly wasted the public funds and devoted untold sums to illicit party patronage. The appointment of the chairman of the Transcontinental Railway was shown to be pure and simple favoritism having absolutely no bearing on the competency of the government's choice, who had in the Quebec bridge affair established beyond all doubt, hopeless failure to handle in a competent manner any contract work. The ignorance of the late cabinet ministers on matters pertaining to their own departments was exposed to the ridicule of the House, and the members of the opposition writhed in the agony of a consciousness of their shameful records. Mr. Walsh's attacks were comprehensive and well-aimed. Notwithstanding the repeated attempts of the Opposition to confuse and interrupt his remarks, he continued calmly to arraign an administration of graft and hopeless incompetency. In their vain efforts to conceal their discomfiture the Liberals hid their faces behind papers and other objects which lay within reach, demonstrating their boorishness and lack of the fundamental elements of courtesy.

Hon. Wm. McConnell seconded the address in reply. He attacked the late government for its disregard of the commercial interests of this country. The policy of consistent protection of home industries which the Conservative Cabinet proposed to follow would not discourage but rather stimulate the manufacturing and commercial enterprises of this country. It was proposed also to pay more attention to the demands and interests of the agricultural classes than has been the case heretofore. The policy of a real imperial preference was advocated. The late administration had, it is true, introduced a 33 1-3 per cent. preference. Their cry now for a higher preference and one which would be of real value to the Empire appeared inconsistent. During fifteen years of office they had failed to introduce any such legislation. It remained for the Conservatives to do something of practical value to the Empire. An increased preference was part and parcel with the Conservative platform—it was in the Liberal platform merely to hoodwink the electorate into thinking that the Liberals had a policy of some value. of some value. The whole trend of Conservative legislation would be to strengthen the bonds of Empire and to ensure an Imperial Council to deliberate on the affairs of Greater Britain. Mr. McConnell's speech was conducted throughout in a dignified and parliamentary manner in pleasing contrast to the narrowminded and scurrilous utterances which were to follow from the ranks of the Opposition. The fact that some members of the Government began to smoke was quite properly objected to by the leader of the Socialists. The Hon., the Minister of Militia on behalf of the Government supported the objection of the Socialist leader and the members in question were requested to withdraw to the smoking room. This prompt and straightforward action stood forth in happy contrast to the underhand tactics constantly pursued and applauded by the Opposition.

Messrs. Mathewson and Griffiths replied for the Opposition. Their attempts were as able as possible considering the hopeless situation with which they were confronted. At best their speeches could only be wretched failures to evade the great issue which had been broached in the speeches of the Government. In accordance with a reputation for mud raking and personalities which rotten political reforms had forced upon them they proceeded to revile the members of the Government individually. With regard to reciprocity they were reticent, venturing no excuses to account for their barefaced attempt to crucify the well-being of the Dominion of Canada on the cross of American capitalism. They evaded the charges brought against the former minister of the Interior and the Minister of Finance because they had no evidence to exonerate these truckling politicians who had endeavored successfully to enrich their own pockets with the money of the people of Canada. Instead of maintaining the high standard of debate which had characterized the Government speeches they whimpered and snarled like cubs at bay—instead of referring to national issues they indulged in mean and false personal attacks, demonstrating clearly the good sense of the Canadian electorate which had unseated a conglomeration of grafters and self-seekers such as the annals of parliamentary government cannot parallel. Just so long as they followed in the footsteps of Sir John A. Macdonald and his National Policy so long had they held the confidence of the people. The first attempt to devise a policy of their own had met with dismal failure. With all their machinery of underhand methods they had been unable to bribe the electorate of this country. They are now under the shadow of a defeat ignominious and overwhelming—a defeat which means death to graft and mis-government. Little wonder then that the Liberal speakers on Saturday strove to conceal the political issues of the day and their attitude with respect to them. Their mean attacks on the characters of the members of the Cabinet called down frequent rulings from Mr. Speaker who was forced time and again to compel the withdrawal of unparliamentary and scurrilous expressions. Scurrility, sophistries, evasion, false pride, corrupt methods, these are the elements which shine most conspicuously in the Liberal ranks! The Hon., the Minister of the Interior in a few well-chosen words answered the charges made against the character of his colleagues and himself. In a tone of dignified calm he pointed out the rottenness of the foundation on which the Liberals were attempting to construct a platform by launching forth with contemptible and spurious personalities.

The session was a great triumph for the Conservative party and its policy. Unprejudiced onlookers from the gallery were unanimous in declaring that the Liberal cause had suffered irretrievably from the wretched start it had made and the consequent contrast with the dignity, earnest-

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

A Reader Who Sees Things As He Thinks They Should Not Be.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Sir:—While awaiting the leisure of one of the professors at McGill this morning, I asked the gentleman in attendance if he could give me anything to read. He politely assured me that he could and handed me the college paper, the McGill Daily, managed, I assume, by the students of the University. I eagerly accepted the gift, expecting to find some of the amateur work of the bright, young, active intellects of the university; something to indicate that the journal emanated from an intellectual centre, and to manifest in some form the spirit of a scholastic institution. What did I find? On the first page the best part of two columns of hockey, the rest being taken up with advertisements and a notice of a forthcoming meeting of a Physical Education Association; on the second page, more hockey, with advertisements, a notice of the Mock Parliament, and a puff for a vaudeville show; on the third page more hockey and the rest Mock Parliament and advertisements; on the fourth page, hockey, water polo, boxing and other amusements. This page is one of peculiar interest. It reports the condition of the several undergraduates injured and suffering from the effort to develop by the modern college methods the ideal of the sound mind in the sound body. One victim is able to leave the hospital, but it will be a month before he can walk around with freedom. Meanwhile he must use crutches. Another has had his leg fractured in a place where it is peculiarly difficult to knit. There is no report of any deaths and probably none have occurred here, although they are common enough results of the pursuit of athletics in many colleges. It is not a year since one occurred from football in Halifax.

Now I have nothing to say against college athletics, pursued with moderation and prudence. But when they are allowed to become the overshadowing interest of the university and occupy so undue a proportion of the attention of students; when they bulk so largely as they do in all our college papers and magazines; when they constitute, as one would have to infer from the McGill Daily, the main concern of college life; when they carry off a large contingent of students to a foreign city to furnish support for an assemblage largely composed of toughs and gamblers; when they cause, as they must do, the loss of a large amount of time and nervous force that are needed for the serious pursuit of university studies, is it not high time for our college authorities to pay more attention than they do to President Eliot's warnings and protests? I humbly admit that the undue pursuit of so-called athletics in our colleges, and particularly the intercollegiate athletic contests, that excite so unwholesome an interest, have lowered the tone of university life, and tended to bring down the average of scholastic achievement within the university walls.

OLD FOGEY.

Editor McGill Daily

Dear Sir:—The above letter appeared in the issue of the Gazette of Saturday, the 13th. The signature appended to it describes the letter in the most adequate manner possible. "Old Fogey" embodies in his contribution the essence of "Fogeyism."

The McGill Daily, it appears to me, is primarily meant to be a newspaper, to chronicle the daily events as they occur in the college so that all the students of the various faculties, by means of the Daily, will be kept in touch with what is actually going on. In this the Daily has succeeded beyond the expectations of the most enthusiastic of its supporters and advocates.

It publishes only what the students are interested in, whether the news be athletic, theatrical or academic. By thus giving to its readers what they desire it has, young as it is, become an almost indispensible institution in the daily life of the McGill student.

Now that it has reached this stage by means of its editorial columns, it can do more good to elevate what is popularly known as college life, than innumerable learned lectures and articles, delivered or written by the most distinguished of men interested in the university and its activities.

Old Fogey complains that the paper is, as it were, saturated with news concerning athletics and the Mock Parliament and then proceeds to arraign athletics and severely leaves the question of the Mock Parliament alone.

Surely it deserves the greatest encouragement that the University Press can give it. The reason is obvious, by its means the men who will eventually number among the big men of Canada are being given lessons in practical politics and are being taught the science of government. Yet Old Fogey descries the Daily because it supports what is virtually the same as a course in practical politics.

In conclusion what would Old Fogey say if the Gazette published nothing of the news of the world and devoted itself solely to the publication of learned treatises.

Yours sincerely,

"AN OLD McGILL MAN."

The Editor McGill Daily,

Dear Sir:—I was deeply grieved to see a letter in this morning's Gazette strongly criticizing your valuable paper. As one who is deeply interested in all student activities I may say that the undergraduates themselves are righteously indignant over this ill-advised attack on athletics in general and on the "Daily" in particular. Your organ caters to a popular demand, and has at the same time stood for all these ideals which are the embodiment of clean and popularly conducted sport, and the realization of a "Greater McGill." It is primarily a newspaper, and neither students nor professoriate expect it to be a literary or scientific journal as the fulfillment of such a dual function is obviously impossible. There is, however, a certain tone of interested concern about "Old Fogey's" letter which emphasizes McGill's need for a purely academic publication such as exists at Toronto. There they have not only the newspaper but two more sober and dignified publications, namely "The Arbor," a quarterly, and "The University Monthly." The latter is issued in connection with "Varsity" and is given to its subscribers as a bonus. It seems incredible that with all the literary talent at McGill such a publication is not already being issued.

Thanking you for any consideration you may give to my opinions, and hoping that you will see fit to correct the erroneous statements of your critic

AN UNDERGRADUATE

FRITZI SCHEFF IN NIGHT BIRDS

The announcement that for the week commencing Monday, January 22nd, at the Princess the Messrs. Shubert will present Fritzi Scheff in a magnificent production of the famous comic opera "Night Birds," (Die Fledermaus), by the greatest writer of Viennese operatic music the world has ever known, Johann Strauss, presages an unusual opportunity to see and hear this queen of light opera at her best.

"Night Birds" has been performed in all the capital cities of Europe and is now running at the Lyric Theatre, London. Strauss is known to fame as "the waltz king," composer of "The Beautiful Blue Danube" and

FRITZI SCHEFF IN "NIGHT BIRDS" AT THE PRINCESS WEEK OF JANUARY 22.

other celebrated waltzes. It is said of Strauss that he sent the whole world dancing—and of the score of "Night Birds" which is full of charming waltzes, czardas, polkas, romanzas and drinking songs, that it is representative of the piquancy, coquetry and vigor of which he is an acknowledged master.

The picturesque scenes of this gay adventure are laid in Germany in the last century. The first act takes place in the house of Baron von Eisenstein; the second act shows the ballroom at the Villa Orlofsky, and the final act is consummated in the office of a prison.

The costumes are oddly attractive and the supporting company, which includes George Anderson, John E. Hazzard, Frank Rushworth, Frank Farrington, Milbury Ryder, Morgan Williams, Jean Laurence, Hazel Cox, Edith Bradford and Josephine Brandell, is commensurate with Madame Scheff's prestige.

Madame Scheff has the tantalizing role of Adele, a pretty and coquettish maid in the home of Baron von Eisenstein. Her flirtatious scenes with the Baron who is in love with her, despite the presence of his wife, the many piquantly humorous situations of the second act ballroom scene where Adele while impersonating her mistress, entangles herself in a compromising flirtation and the refreshing surprises of the last act which revolve about Adele, give Madame Scheff every opportunity to display her wonderful vocal accomplishments, her gift of comedy and those personal graces which are hers alone.

The Oberlin Review recently conducted a straw ballot, which resulted in a complete victory for Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency. La Follette was second and Taft third.

GERTRUDE HOFFMAN

Gertrude Hoffmann, who is known the length and breadth of America for her dancing and impersonations, for which she was paid a salary almost fabulous, has recently gained added fame for herself as a manageress and producer.

With the assistance of Morris Gest and F. Ray Comstock, astute managers, Miss Hoffmann accomplished the feat of being the first to present to the English-speaking world the wonderful Russian dancers and mimes from the Imperial Theatres of Moscow and St. Petersburg. Three years ago, Miss Hoffmann saw the Russian Ballet at the Chatelet Theatre, Paris, and since that time the one presiding, dominant thought in this ambitious young woman's mind has been to bring these wonderful people to her native land. Miss Hoffmann was the happiest woman in America when New York took the dancers from the shores of the Volga to its heart, the organization playing to audiences all summer at the vast and beautiful Winter Garden, which taxed the capacity of the huge structure. This accomplishment has placed Miss Hoffmann in a class by herself, as the foremost woman theatrical manager in America, if not in the entire world.

All the more honor accrues to Miss Hoffmann because her wonderful success is due to her own individual hard work. Not so very many years ago, Gertrude Hoffmann was a minor member of the company at Fred Belasco's Alcazar Theatre, San Francisco. Then she went into musical comedy, playing soubrette roles. Then she became famed as one of the most wonderful mimics and impersonators on the American stage and her salary was one of the largest ever paid to an artist in this country. Now she has burst upon the world as the foremost woman employer of labor in the theatrical business and probably the most talked of woman in the theatrical profession.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARTS SENIORS NOTE.

Members of Arts '12 are requested to hand to the Secretary not later than Wednesdgy 17th inst. nominations for the class valedictorian. A meeting will be held at 12 o'clock on Friday the 19th, to choose from those nominated.

WILLIAM LINDSAY.
Secretary Arts '12.

THE FARMER'S SON'S OPPORTUNITY.

One reason why so many boys leave the farm for the city is because of the failure of the father to take the boy into his confidence and make clear to him that he is not merely a "hewer of wood and carrier of water," but that he is in full partnership with him and has a personal interest in the success of the work. Those of us who were raised on a farm know, of course, that it would be practically impossible for the father to always demonstrate this to his son by cash consideration; but if the seeds of dissatisfaction are not to be planted, some greater consideration for the son's services will have to be made than that of merely boarding and clothing. If, say, the son knew that he would receive even the small share of the proceeds from the sale of a pig, or a lamb, or a calf, and occasionally of a cow or a horse, to do with as he might like, to save or to spend, we believe, speaking from experience, that the arrangement would be mutually advantageous. The son does not like to feel under the obligation of going to his father every time he wants a few cents for some expenditure; and, besides, he should be in a position to lay up something for the "Rainy Day." The needs of a quarter of a century ago do not accord with the needs of the present day; nor did the boys of that time have the same facilities for investment as the boys now have. To-day we have practically at our door strong financial institutions which accept small amounts on deposit; and we also have the Canadian Government's great Annuities system, in regard to which a word of explanation may not be out of place. It was approved by members of both Houses of Parliament, has at the back of it the security of the whole of the Dominion of Canada, and there could be no better or safer plan of investment as a means of making provision for old age. The payments may be spread over as many years as may be desired. The Government attends to all the details free of charge. For example, a payment of $13—the price of one hog—made for a boy of 10 and continued until he is 60, will give him an annuity of $215.20 for life. If the payments are continued until 65, he will receive $335.73, or over $120 a year more than he would receive at 60. The same annuity could be purchased for a boy of an older age at a little advance in this cost. If, therefore, a farmer's boy knew that at the time when he shall be no longer able to work he would have ample provision for the remainder of his days, and that if he died before drawing the first payment of Annuity all that he had paid in with 3 p.c. compound interest would be returned to his heirs, what a difference this would make in his outlook; how much more contented he would be to remain on the farm—for there is no occupation more honorable—and how much more independent he would be in his old age. This is worth the serious consideration of every farmer who has boys, and of every farmer's son who is old enough to reason for himself. The Government's system is, of course, available not only to farmer's sons and daughters, but to the sons and daughters of every other man who makes Canada his home, no matter what his nationality or creed may be. Literature explaining this provident system may be obtained at the Post Office, or on application to the Superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa, to whom your letters go free of postage.

THE STUDENT AND THE COP

(I.)

It was a blue and burly cop
Strathcona curb did walk;
It was a youth from Old McGill
Who gave him lively talk;
And then they waxed both loud and warm.
Their voices louder than a storm.
Upon Mount Royal's rock.

(II.)

"I am a man no students dare
Defy by day or night;
Their pranks I often have cut short,
And made them do the right."
Thus spoke the Cop with lofty pride
His baton swinging by his side
And eager for a fight.

(III.)

"With such men as Recorders
To go before in Court,
I always have the students fined.
They are my only forte;
It matters not if right or wrong,
Upon the Stand I sing my song—,
E'en though of false report."

(IV.)

"O, get thee hence," the student cried.
"Your gall is hard to bear;
To-night I'll paint the city red,
For you I little care;
'Tis well enough for men like you
To raid Laval with twenty-two,
But here we heed no score."

(V.)

The Cop's face flamed, and thus ashamed
Upon the Student rushed;
In reaching out his lusty paw
The derby hat he mushed;
But the Student proved too smart for him,
Smiled a tantalizing "Sunny-Jim,"
Despite his beaver crushed.

(VI.)

Right on the jaw, one mighty swat
The Student landed hard;
The Cop fell like a stick of wood
Upon the boulevard;
The claret from the upturned face
Made a Culloden of the place,
For it covered many a yard.

(VII.)

"I laid him out in red and white,
The colors of old McGill;
I showed him what a boy could do—
And that was better still.
And now I'll hike me to my den,
That Cop I always want again,
When eager for a mill."

(VIII.)

It was a sadder, wiser Cop
Some days ago I met;
His head hung low upon his chest,
His looks I ne'er forget;
With drooping eyes upon the street,
No cheery word his pals to greet—
Methinks I see him yet.

THE CONSERVATIVE SPEAKERS

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ness and genuine conviction which from beginning to end were the outstanding features of the Government speeches. "Thank God!" said on? observer, "we shall now enjoy the privilege of hearing the planks of a real progressive policy aimed to further the interests of the Dominion, not to maintain the 'interests of a party or individual.'"

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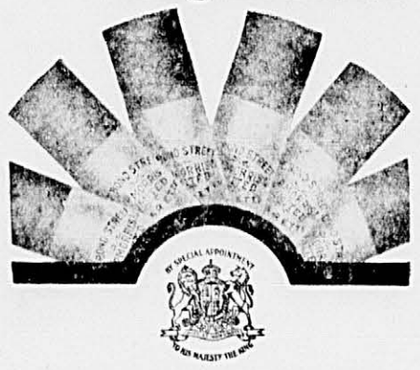

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